

leading down to the highway and down the hills parallel with the highway have considerable slopes. Along these sloping streets on both sides of U. S. 1, there are places where fast moving water has washed out gullies and eroded property.

Recommendations

Southern Pines is fortunate in that its soils absorb water well. Because of this, many of the town's low density residential areas do not need extensive storm sewers. There are areas in town that because of steep slopes or because of intensive land development do need storm drainage.

The most important of these areas are west Southern Pines and the area parallel to U. S. 1 on the east between Pennsylvania Avenue and Midland Road.

It is recommended that the town begin a yearly program of storm drainage construction in these areas. The town's policy on accepting street extensions from developers is that curbs and gutters are required on grades greater than 4 percent. This should be used as a standard in deciding if presently developed areas need curb, gutters, and storm drainage.

It is important that this project be started in the near future. The situation will not get better. As more and more development takes place, drainage problems will increase.